

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elizabeth T. Smith, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of South Dakota, will retire on May 21, 2016; and,

Whereas, Dr. Smith has admirably served higher education in the Department of Political Science and the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of South Dakota for nearly 17 years, receiving the prestigious Carnegie Foundation South Dakota Professor of the Year, Belbas-Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching, and Richard and Sharon Cutler Faculty Award in Liberal Arts, as well as the Blair and Linda Tremere Award for her extensive service to numerous University of South Dakotans, local and state organizations; and,

Whereas, Dr. Smith has been a teacher, adviser, and mentor to more than 1,000 students at the University of South Dakota, educating and guiding them as they transitioned from freshmen to informed citizens and accomplished professionals; and,

Whereas, Dr. Smith has been responsible for overseeing fundamental courses in the Political Science major, as well as advanced courses in several graduate programs, including the critical Campaigns and Democracy class that so richly introduced students to the theoretical and practical processes of running successful campaigns for elective offices at the local, state, and federal levels; and,

Whereas, Dr. Smith has cultivated, carefully prepared, and propelled countless students into major national scholarships, graduate and professional schools, and critical first jobs through her tireless advocacy on behalf of those whom she so thoroughly mentored; and,

Whereas, Dr. Smith has provided exemplary service to the Department of Political Science, the University of South Dakota, and public and private organizations through her many outreach activities, with especially notable service as the Associate Director of the W. O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

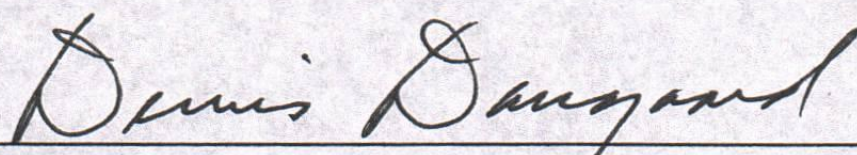
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2016, as

DR. ELIZABETH T. SMITH DAY

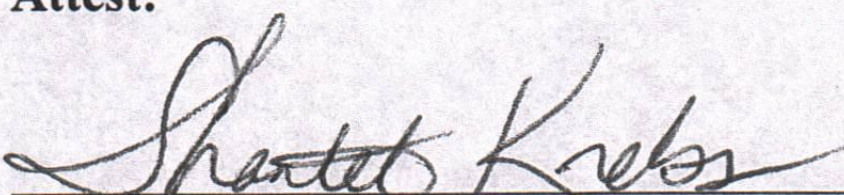
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State